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## The crisis that propaganda built

**EDITORIAL.** Canadians don't normally think of themselves as subject to propaganda. That happens to the Russians and the Chinese, the Arabs under Nasser or the Germans under Hitler, not to citizens of a democracy served by a free press. Yet the fact is that we are, right now, targets of a propaganda campaign for which it's hard to find a precedent in peacetime. Its object is to make us believe in a crisis over Berlin.

For weeks the reports of U.S. news services have been alerting us to the imminence of a showdown. The western powers are said to be warning Khrushchov to "keep hands off West Berlin." In the face of "demands" by Khrushchov the West is "standing firm," set to "defend" West Berlin with nuclear weapons if need be. And what exactly is it that Khrushchov is threatening to do in Berlin?

He is threatening to go away. That is the menace that has dumfounded the Germans and confused the whole western alliance — not a Soviet attack, but a Soviet withdrawal. In the tug of war across the border of a divided Germany, Khrushchov is trying the tactic of letting go the rope. The other team, he hopes, will then fall flat on its back.

It looks as if he might be right, too. A Soviet withdrawal from Berlin would leave no apparent authority in East Germany, no official body with which to deal, except the East German Communist puppet whom the West Germans do not recognize. The West German reluctance is easy to understand—recognizing an East German government means recognizing the division of Germany.

A reunited Germany is the dearest goal of German foreign policy. Because the Germans are new allies, it is also an object of western foreign policy—but our

reason for wanting it is not the German reason. For them it's a matter of national honor, a hope that as German patriot can let be. For us it is a means of safeguarding peace. We have been persuaded by our experience, though the Russians have not, that a divided and unreconciled Germany is more dangerous to peace than a united one.

But that for us, in all, Germany's national honor is no concern of ours, and German justification only a minor one. To suggest that we ought to fight to save Germany from a fate that we ourselves helped to impose, at the end of another war that Germany started and lost, is simply preposterous. Coming from an American, it shows a glibility that shakes an ally's faith in American leadership. Coming from a German it is sheer, staggering effrontery.

We are pledged to fight if West Berlin is attacked—all the NATO partners are sworn to treat an attack upon one as an attack on all, and West Berlin is part of that alliance. But we are not pledged to fight for any other interest of German foreign policy, and specifically not to protect West Germany from the necessity of taking some unpalatable steps.

Some such steps are inevitable. It has been obvious for years that as soon as Khrushchov felt he could trust the East German Communist puppets to maintain their hold on the country, he would draw back and leave the West no alternative but to recognize them. He has now been proclaiming, for about three years, his intention of doing so immediately. At last, apparently, he means it.

There is nothing the West can do to prevent this. It's not what we want, but it's what we've got. To call it a pretext for nuclear war is madness.—CLARE FRASER.

**Overleaf:** Maclean's editors report from Berlin and the U.S. on pressures that are making the propaganda crisis a real one







## A black and white photograph showing a person in the foreground, wearing a dark, hooded garment that obscures their face. The person is looking towards the left. In the background, a tall, modern skyscraper with a repetitive grid of windows dominates the frame. The building's facade is light-colored, and the windows are dark, creating a strong contrast. The perspective is looking up at the building, emphasizing its height.

BY HUGH MacLENNAN

In my opinion while most canines rates this magazine appeared as one-dimensional. My remark of the 1970s language and the situation is a basic sense of sympathy with the old style of the old style. French Canadian nationalism was more than with the original movement of the old style. George Leduc 1. I have simply liked and enjoyed the idea of my French-speaking and French and have benefited greatly, or simply that I understand the old style. After all, I have a very different mind and eye. In 1970, I have enjoyed the society with which they have been in the last 10 years of the Canadian state. Simply that of Canada is everything it is the time of two nations, which can not identify for the simple reason that they do not speak the same language.

Now it is especially crucial for any English-speaking Canadian group to learn all the British facts so being well-informed is the same thing as reacting to the original Great Empire Lamentation which says he had announced that they'd never in the old days lost. Those original British Foot was never critical in the colonial sense, the Americans who shuddered at the best WWII caricatures of English as the generals in the British army they defeated. The British Force in America in 1800 was a political force, not a military one, and it was not subject to attack by guerrillas. Therefore if there was one case where the French Fought in Quebec, and to make no mistake that Lord Dufferin contributed that on Canada he had found war serious was that within the borders of a single state.

They told U.S. Laphols that while it will eventually dual society and the sole thing that would grow it would be the problem that the French Canadians wish to dominate the entire nation and run it on their own terms. Not long ago this was a dream of those French Canadian nationalists who declared the English and U.S.A.

of "By the courage of the cradles." But this has no more value in modern Canadian politics than the Grange society of Toronto. Not only does modern Quebec reject the call to morality and justice, the harsh note has finally understood it. Since the war the percentage of French-speaking Canadians has been dropping steadily, and with promptness it will drop further.

But the survival and reproduction of the Florida Flair in Atlantic-Beach is also as it ever was and much more pungent and spontaneous. Moreover it has attracted tourism on the very problem which has been worrying English Canada—the preservation of the Canadian identity look American eyes.

This is why I believe that the fastest in contemporary Quebec or the silent revolution, as it is often called, is the three significant developments that are going on Canada in many poor French Canada through the English-speaking provinces since thousands of lines has changed a phenomenon which is causing her to search for serious work, and it is not the in-fighting some of her populations into parties, neither cause Quebec possibly Quebec holds the key to the salvation of the Canadian identity about which did not say of us as threatened. This is my more reason why I am never been more surprised for English Canada to understand the mind of Quebec than it is now.

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English Literature. Some of us who had just begun to go to school in the morning said that they knew that the House of Deputies was called from the fathers and sons to the cities. They knew about the crime in modern Moscow and said that the crime is in some extent the product of the new things, like in my opinion — and I have done a great deal of time to come thinking in the past few years — not only of this crime but also because sometimes we find out the people of another country.

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The metal tool makes a single French-Canadian different from an older one or from other Canadians, says John Ellis, and everybody around that Chaudière looks for signs of a hidden society, the *l'élite*, a subgroup of people with an air from the city below, closer to the power than the people





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## A DOCTOR OF 45 YEARS' STANDING BRINGS A GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST THE MAJORITY OF HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS: THREE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS OUT OF FOUR ARE MORE LIKELY TO HARM THAN TO HEAL

*Shock, disease, even death can follow a blood transfusion that had only "cosmetic" value in the first place. This is an inside observer's report on what one specialist calls "playing Russian roulette with a bottle of blood"*

BY DR. F. B. BOWMAN with Sidney Katz  
PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE MCKENNA

BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS are commonly used in medical practice today, but at least as much harm as good. And blood transfusions as often risk and in some cases the risk is great. But one word here for years of experience as a doctor convinces me that these speculators of the almost 300,000 blood transfusions given in Canada each year are gamblers — a gambler and sometimes lose the bet.

Every blood transfusion is a battle with powerful danger for two reasons. We have just performed a system of cross-matching the blood of the donor and the recipient. And someone may suffer a shock as he receives. Again blood can produce several known and unknown dangers

and diseases, some of which may prove ultimately fatal to the recipient. Under these circumstances, it is really hard not to believe transfusions only help in, as the words of the American Heart Association, Dr. W. H. Cline, "playing Russian roulette with a bottle of blood instead of a revolver."

Many doctors share my view that giving blood transfusions has increased the danger to a lot. Dr. G. A. Zander, director of the North London Transfusion Service, says that "units of blood are discarded more usually than here. I insist that blood banks are not to be used as a show, given only the wrong is better under the clinical microscope for the benefit of the patient, and the great of blood of the donor than for the patient.

Blood transfusions are causing a substantial number of deaths among hospital patients.

Dr. Henry Chown, a Winnipeg graduate, says that blood transfusions after a period of study of a group of women patients received "at least half of the blood transfusions given were unnecessary. Blood transfusions had a detrimental effect on one or the remaining women a more direct medical than scientific. I would hazard the guess that well 5 percent of the transfusions given to the women have been his wrong. And I would hazard the guess that their of blood transfusions have been death dealing. Dr. J. H. Stokes, a University of London pathologist says, "In the typical cases, hundreds of people had their lives lost

having blood taken out of them needlessly before people are being killed by blood being put into them needlessly."

Instead of the risk involved blood should only be given in cases of absolute necessity. Such cases would include the treatment of patients of severe trauma, shock, the replacement of a heavy loss of blood and use of blood to hasten the repair of severe, surgical damage. Unfortunately, too many doctors do not limit transfusions to these serious, medical emergencies. In fact, he said with horror, that they are "blood happy."

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